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SUBJECT: SWEARING IN OF NEW FRG CABINET

1. THE NEW FRG CABINET WAS SWORN IN THURSDAY MORNING,
DECEMBER 16. WITH THREE EXCEPTIONS, IT HAS THE SAME
MEMBERSHIP AS ITS PREDECESSOR. BELOW IS A LIST OF THE
NEW FRG CABINET, AND CAPSULE BIOGRAPHIES OF ITS THREE
NEW SPD MEMBERS.

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2. LIST OF NEW FRG CABINET:

-- FEDERAL CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT (SPD)
(SWORN IN DECEMBER 15)

-- DEPUTY CHANCELLOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER HANS-
DIETRICH GENSCHER (FDP)

-- MINISTER OF INTERIOR DR. WERNER MAIHOFFER (FDP)

-- MINISTER OF JUSTICE DR. HANS-JOCHEN VOGEL (SPD)

-- MINISTER OF FINANCE DR. HANS APEL (SPD)

-- MINISTER FOR ECONOMICS DR. HANS FRIDERICH (FDP)

-- MINISTER FOR NUTRITION, AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS
JOSEF ERTL (FDP)

-- MINISTER FOR LABOR, SOCIAL WELFARE AND HEALTH
DR. HERBERT EHRENBERG (SPD)

-- MINISTER OF DEFENSE GEORG LEBER (SPD)

-- MINISTER FOR YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS
ANTJE HUBER (SPD)

-- MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, POST AND COMMUNICATIONS
KURT GSCHIEDLE (SPD)

-- MINISTER FOR PLANNING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
KARL RAVENS (SPD)

-- MINISTER FOR INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS
EGON FRANKE (SPD)

-- MINISTER FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HANS-
MATTHOEFER (SPD)

-- MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE
HELMUT ROHDE (SPD)
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-- MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION
MARIE SCHLEI (SPD)

3. THE CAPSULE BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NEW MINISTERS --
EHRENBERG, HUBER AND SCHLEI -- ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. DR. HERBERT EHRENBERG (SPD), MINISTER OF LABOR,

SOCIAL WELFARE AND HEALTH, SUCCEEDING WALTER ARENDT
(SPD).

BORN DECEMBER 21, 1926 IN EAST PRUSSIA, DR.
EHRENBERG SERVED IN THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES AND WAS
BRIEFLY A POW. IN 1952 HE BEGAN HIS FORMAL UNIVERSITY
STUDIES AT WILHELMSHAVEN AND GOETTINGEN, AND IN 1958 HE
RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. DR.
EHRENBERG WORKED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR FROM 1955 TO
1961; HE LECTURED ON SOCIOLOGY IN DUSSELDORF FROM 1961

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TO 1963; AND HE LED THE ECONOMIC DIVISION OF THE DGB CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' UNION FROM 1964 TO 1968. IN THIS LATTER CAPACITY, HE WAS MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE UNION'S APPROACH TO NEGOTIATION OF CAPITAL SAVINGS BENEFITS IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACTS. DR. EHRENBURG JOINED THE SPD IN 1955. HE SERVED SUCCESSIVELY AS ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR STRUCTURAL POLICY (1968-1969); CHANCELLERY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL POLICY (1969-1971); AND STATE SECRETARY IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTRY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL WELFARE (1971-1972). IN 1972 HE ENTERED THE BUNDESTAG. DR. EHRENBURG HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SLATED TO BECOME PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY. HIS ENGLISH IS GOOD.

B. ANTJE HUBER (SPD, MINISTER FOR YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS, REPLACING KATHARINA FOCKE (SPD).

BORN MAY 23, 1924 IN STETTIN (SZCZECIN), FRAU HUBER COMPLETED HER "ABITUR" IN BERLIN IN 1942 AND SUBSEQUENTLY STUDIED JOURNALISM. FROM 1961 TO 1962 SHE STUDIED SOCIAL SCIENCE AT THE "SOZIALAKADEMIE" IN DORTMUND. FRAU HUBER JOINED THE SPD IN 1948. SHE ENTERED THE BUNDESTAG IN 1969 FROM THE ESSEN DISTRICT OF NORTHRHINE-WESTPHALIA WHERE SHE WAS KNOWN AS AN EXPERT ON THE FEDERAL BUDGET. SHE HAS BEEN MARRIED SINCE 1950 TO AN EDITOR IN ESSEN.

C. MARIE SCHLEI (SPD), MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, SUCCEEDING EGON BAHR (SPD).

BORN NOVEMBER 26, 1919 IN POMMERANIA, FRAU SCHLEI TRAINED AS A TEACHER AND THEN HELD VARIOUS CIVIL SERVICE JOBS. SHE JOINED THE SPD IN 1949 AND HAS BEEN IN THE BUNDESTAG SINCE 1969 (FROM BERLIN). FRAU SCHLEI BECAME PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY IN THE CHANCELLERY IN MAY, 1974. SHE IS GIVEN HIGH MARKS FOR HER PERFORMANCE IN THE "BUNDESKANZLERAMT" WHERE SHE SERVED AS A CHANNEL TO THE SPD FRAKTION, A TASK NOT MADE EASY BY THE SCHMIDT-WEHNER RELATIONSHIP. SHE IS PROUD OF HER WORKING-CLASS ROOTS AND IS A MEMBER OF THE RIGHT-WING GROUP ("KANALARBEITER") IN THE SPD FRAKTION. FRAU SCHLEI IS DIVORCED AND HAS THREE CHILDREN. STOESEL

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